

WEATHER.

Snow tonight, followed by clearing Saturday; colder; lowest temperature tonight about 10 degrees.

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ONE CENT.

ITALIANS DESTROY 8 TURKISH SHIPS

Victors Sustain No Loss in Severe Naval Engagement in the Red Sea.

SULTAN'S COMMUNICATION WITH ARABIA IS CUT OFF

Sunken Gunboats Used to Convey Reinforcements to Cyrenaica.

BATTLE IS STIFF, BUT SHORT

Feeble Armament of Turkish Craft Soon Succumbs to Superior Weapons of Italy's War Vessels.

ROME, January 12.—In a severe naval action in the Red Sea seven Turkish gunboats and an armed yacht were destroyed by Italian warships.

The action occurred January 7 outside the Bay of Kufufe, a small walled town with a garrison and two forts, about 500 miles north of Aden, on the east coast of the Red sea.

The division of Italian cruisers which has been scouring the Red sea for Turkish war vessels and ships conveying contraband destined for the Turkish garrisons in the Yemen province in Arabia encountered the flotilla of Turkish gunboats and at once opened fire. The Turks replied, but their feeble armament succumbed to the superior weapons of the Italian war vessels. The fight was stiff, but soon ended in the victory of the Italians.

Three Cruisers in Fleet.

The Italian warships cruising in the Red sea since the beginning of the year include the cruisers Piemonte, Calabria and Puglia and a flotilla of destroyers, Mazza and the base from which they operated. Several weeks ago they bombarded the towns of Sheikh Said, Mocha and Achaab.

A brief official note issued this afternoon says: "The Italian fleet in the Red sea encountered today and destroyed seven Turkish gunboats and captured a Turkish yacht. The Turkish warships offered a violent resistance, but no loss was sustained by the Italians."

The Italian warships which took the principal part in the battle were the cruiser Piemonte and the destroyers Garibaldi and Aquilone. The commander in chief had received orders to destroy or capture the Turkish gunboats and the yacht. The Italian warships were transporting from Arabia Turkish troops destined to reinforce the Turkish army in Cyrenaica by way of Egypt.

Turks Fire Wildly.

During the brief combat the Turkish gunners displayed utter incompetence, their small guns being fired wildly. The shells from the Italian ships were not directed at the Turkish yacht Fauvette, which accompanied the Turkish flotilla, which was not destroyed during the fight. The Fauvette is being brought to Rome under convoy.

DISTRICT BILL IS UP

Chairman Johnson Reads Argument on the Organic Act.

After several pension bills had been put out of the way in the House this afternoon Representative Burleson of Texas called up the District of Columbia appropriation bill. He gave an allowance of time to Representative Johnson of Kentucky, chairman of the District committee, who read a long argument with reference to the organic act.

No progress is likely to be made on the bill probably today, as practically all of the time up to the hour of adjournment at 6 o'clock has been allotted to members for general debate. Mr. Burleson will speak tomorrow in explanation of provisions of the measure and in defense of the enormous cut made by the appropriation committee in the Commissioner's estimates.

OPENS STATE STRONG BOX

Safe Robber Called in From Prison

When Locks Bunk.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., January 12.—Paul Hayes, accused of several safe robberies in Oklahoma City, gained entrance to the state's strong box yesterday under official supervision. When State Treasurer Dunlop tried the combination the vault door did not respond. Experts were called, but their efforts were without result. Hayes was brought from the prison at Tecumseh. After a few minutes' manipulation on Hayes' part the door opened. The safe was equipped with a time lock and burglar-proof appliances, open and state funds at the disposal of the treasurer. Before his arrest Hayes was employed as a safe expert.

SEEKING ABANDONED SHIP.

Revenue Cutter Goes to Aid of the Annie F. Kimball.

NORFOLK, Va., January 12.—Delayed several hours later than was expected in the taking of coal the revenue cutter Monongah put to sea today in the face of severe weather to search for the British-registered schooner Annie F. Kimball of the north. Mr. Kimball, who was reported abandoned and drifting in the morning, with her rudderhead gone and flying signals of distress. The revenue cutter Monahawk was ordered to go to her assistance.

Appeals From Admiralty Court.

LONDON, January 12.—The White Star Steamship Line has entered an appeal against the decision of the admiralty court, which found on December 19 that the pilot of the Olympic was to blame for the collision with the British-registered schooner Annie F. Kimball, which was reported abandoned and drifting in the morning, with her rudderhead gone and flying signals of distress. The revenue cutter Monahawk was ordered to go to her assistance.

TROOPS ON THE WAY

American Soldiers Sail From Manila to Northern China.

SENT TO GUARD RAILROAD

Strict Law of Neutrality Laid Down by Gen. Bell.

LANCHOW SITUATION GRAVE

Imperialists Reported to Be Acting With Fiendish Brutality Toward Republican Prisoners.

MANILA, January 12.—The United States transport Logan left this afternoon at 2:30 with a battalion of the 15th Infantry and other details on board on the way to Chin-Wang-Tao, in northern China. After they have disembarked the American troops are to be employed in guarding a section of the Peking railroad from Tang-Shan to Lanchow against the possible attack of either imperialist or republican troops. The departure took place in the presence of a throng of civil-ians and soldiers of other regiments, while women crowded the quay bidding tearful farewells and wishing Godspeed to the troops. No women were allowed to accompany the expedition.

Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, commander-in-chief of the army in the Philippines, made a short parting speech to the officers and men of the expedition just before the transport sailed. Gen. Bell made a brief address of the men, in which he stressed the importance of their American citizenship while they were on foreign soil. The Chinese, he said, were worthy of a square deal, and he expected the American soldiers to treat them in a worthy way.

Friendly Relations Imperative.

He begged the officers and men to be very particular in regard to courtesies and salutes to other foreign officers, and he impressed upon the men the necessity for maintaining their reputation for cleanliness and a neat personal appearance. In conclusion he explained the desirability of maintaining the most friendly relations with all foreigners with whom they should come into contact.

The loading of the transport Logan was not completed until 10 o'clock. A driving rain which fell throughout the forenoon caused considerable delay. The ninety-five horses and mules which are attached to the expedition as gun teams and are taken on board at the last moment. Eight big army wagons were also shipped, as well as an automobile truck and one or two ambulances.

Vessel Closely Inspected.

Gen. Bell, accompanied by his staff, made a close inspection of the vessel and of each man of the expedition before noon. Gen. Bell talked for several minutes with the assembled officers of the regiment, giving them their final instructions. Capt. Peter W. Davison, 4th Infantry, one of Gen. Bell's aides-de-camp, is accompanying the expedition to Chinwang-tao, but will return to Manila as soon as the troops have landed. A band of the 15th Infantry played a selection of patriotic airs, and there was much waving of handkerchiefs and flags until well past midnight.

Ferocity of Imperialists.

LONDON, January 12.—The gravest reports are coming to hand regarding the situation at Lanchow. According to a news agency dispatch from Tientsin, the report reached that city yesterday that the imperial troops were acting with the most fiendish brutality. The alleged facts are that they captured an officer of the republican troops, whom they first tortured and subsequently skinned alive. They also shot a Red Cross assistant.

Japan Declines to Aid Line.

TOKYO, January 12.—The Japanese government has declined, on the ground of the maintenance of neutrality, to assist the Chinese revolutionary government to negotiate a loan in Japan. The proposal was made to the Japanese government through the Japanese consul at Shanghai.

DECLINES TO FORM CABINET.

M. Bourgeois of France Begs Off on Plea of Ill Health.

PARIS, January 12.—Leon Bourgeois today declined the task of forming a cabinet, tendered by President Fallieres at the suggestion of the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies. M. Bourgeois pleaded unsatisfactory health. He was once premier and has held portfolios in several cabinets of the republic. President Fallieres today asked Theophile Delcasse to form a cabinet, and the latter is now consulting with a number of his colleagues.

WANTS SEAT IN CONGRESS.

Judge Watson, Who Presided in Beattie Trial, Quits Bench.

RICHMOND, Va., January 12.—Gov. Mann today received the resignation of Judge Walter A. Watson, who presided over the Beattie trial, the resignation to take effect January 20. Judge Watson on that date will begin his campaign as a candidate for the seat in Congress now held by Robert Turner, former Representative Robert G. Southall is a candidate for the Judgeship to be vacated by Judge Watson.

FIRE ON OCEAN LINER.

Passengers on Boat From Philadelphia Have Exciting Experience.

GREENOCK, Scotland, January 12.—Passengers of the Allan line steamer Pretorian, which sailed from Philadelphia December 29, for St. Johns, N. F., and Glasgow, reached here this morning, reported the most exciting work of the crew as the vessel was being overtaken by a fire on the upper deck yesterday morning, when the liner was about 130 miles from Malin Head. The fire assumed perilous proportions, but was promptly extinguished by the crew and the spread of the conflagration. The smoking room, however, was entirely destroyed. No one was injured.

ACCUSED BY CAIRNS

American With Shuster Com- plains of Minister Russell.

HIS CABLEGRAM TO SULZER

Declares United States Diplomat Thwarts Claims Against Persia.

CONTRACT RELEASE REFUSED

Chairman of House Foreign Affairs Committee to Investigate.

F. E. Cairns, one of the young Americans employed by W. Morgan Shuster to reorganize Persia's financial affairs, today cabled Chairman Sulzer of the House committee on foreign affairs an urgent appeal. He charged that the Persian government refused to release them from their contracts, and that the State Department at Washington was "influenced by American Minister Charles W. Russell" against their claims.

Mr. Sulzer announced that he would immediately take up with the Secretary of State the matter of helping these four-teen American officials, whose rights, he said, should be protected by the United States government.

Mr. Shuster, treasurer general of Persia, turned over his affairs to Mr. Cairns, who was one of five men originally taken from the United States by Shuster. Cairns is from Skowhegan, Me., and was collector of customs at Manila. The cablegram, dated at Teheran, follows: "Fourteen American officials affected by Russia's ultimatum equally. Shuster desires release, same terms. He presented claims Persian government for full salary of unexpired term, traveling expenses, allowances. Anglo-Russian legations supporting claim in good faith. Persian cabinet will obey their instructions. "Department State influenced by American minister here, endeavoring destroy claims. Shuster, however, has been expelled. Americans remain in Persia regardless of our desires and unbearable conditions. Your assistance through State Department imperative."

Secretary Knox Reticent.

Secretary Knox did not wish to discuss the story after the cabinet meeting today, further than to say there was evident friction between the young Americans with Shuster in Persia and Minister Russell. Mr. Knox, however, did not believe the Americans were being physically detained in Teheran, but supposed that their grievances were due to their inability to collect their salaries from the Persian government.

The four Persian members of the treasury commission, who were appointed to assist M. Mornard, the Belgian, in administering that department, resigned yesterday leaving only one member to look after the finances of the country. Nothing has been said in the way of revenue since Mr. Shuster was dismissed except the customs duties.

Shuster Leaves Persia.

TEHERAN, January 12.—W. Morgan Shuster, the ex-treasurer general of Persia, accompanied by his wife and children, started on his way to Europe yesterday morning. The party left here in the regent's automobile. Mr. Shuster was a close friend of the younger Salvin, for whom he wrote several plays. In San Francisco he gave readings from French dramatists. He also lectured for a time at Stanford University.

Leaves Note to Daughter.

In the room in which he took his life lay a letter from Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, who wrote: "I hope that with the dawn of a new year you will appreciate life as not a dreary blank for you."

MAINE IMPORTING POTATOES.

First Time State Has Been Forced to Augment Crop.

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FINDS GHASTLY SIGHT.

Woman Discovers Husband and Son Dead on Returning After Absence.

NEW YORK, January 12.—Mrs. Paul Bukow, in happy expectancy of seeing her husband, a prosperous butcher, and her son, Frederick, after three days' absence from them in the country, unlocked the door of the family apartment in Harlem late last night to find them both stretched out dead. Gas was slowly seeping from a partly open fixture, and asphyxiation had caused death, which is believed to have occurred Tuesday, and to have been accidental.

DEATH UNDER INQUIRY.

Fatal Scalding of Helpless Paralytic at Charitable Institution.

NEW YORK, January 12.—Charles Commissioner Drummond today began an investigation of the death of Harry Williams, an aged inmate of the New York city farm colony at Castleton Corners, Staten Island, a helpless paralytic who was scalded to death in a bathtub this week.

GOVERNOR LOSES TEETH.

South Dakota Executive's Speech at Conference Is Delayed.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., January 12.—Gov. R. S. Vessey lost his false teeth yesterday afternoon, and the delegates to the progressive republican conference were kept waiting while the chief executive made diligent search for them. Word finally came from the laundry that the teeth had been found in the bed linen sent from the hotel in the morning. They were sent for and the governor was permitted to make his speech.

Death of George M. Smithdeal.

RICHMOND, Va., January 12.—George M. Smithdeal, head of the Smithdeal business colleges in this and other cities, died here this morning.



THE MAN WHO COMPLAINS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE OLD-FASHIONED WINTERS NOWADAYS.

PROF. LUIGI VENTURA DIES BY HIS OWN HAND

Italian of Noble Birth Shoots Himself While Suffering From Despondency.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 12.—Luigi Ventura, an Italian of noble birth and of ability as a writer and lecturer, committed suicide here last night by shooting himself through the heart in a fit of despondency, due to family troubles. His complete surname was Ventura de Leone Barre, and his family traced back as far as 1259.

CONTEST IN THE SENATE OVER PEACE TREATIES

Effort to Rally Majority for Lodge Amendment—Democratic Opposition.

Efforts are being made today to rally a majority of senators to the support of the Lodge amendment to the resolution ratifying the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France. Three-fourths of the republicans are understood to be favorable to the Lodge plan, which contemplates the ratification of the treaties unamended, but making specific reservation of the Senate's treaty-making prerogatives in the resolution of ratification. But democratic opposition is strong. Senators Rayner and Williams are the only democrats who have announced their support of the treaties unamended.

ARMY OFFICERS HERE MAY BE TRANSFERRED

Those Who Have Spent Four Years in City May Be Booked for Other Stations.

All officers of the army who have been stationed in the District of Columbia for more than four years are more or less alarmed at the action of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff, in directing the preparation of a statement showing the period of continuous service here of every army officer now on duty in this city. There is considerable speculation as to the exact meaning and purpose of this action. An impression prevails, however, that it presages the transfer to other stations of most of those who have enjoyed the society and benefits of the National Capital beyond the usual four years' tour of duty.

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SPEND NIGHT OUT OF DOORS.

Boy Inmates of Kentucky Reform School Play Truant.

LEXINGTON, Ky., January 12.—Four of the fifteen truants who escaped from the Greendale reform school, near here, last night were captured in Lexington this morning and returned to the school. Nine are still at large. It is believed they have taken refuge in nearby towns. The lads escaped early last night. Search for them was immediately begun, as it was feared the truants, who had taken the country roads, would be overcome by a blinding blizzard.

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STILL DEEPER DRIFTS

Snowing Will Continue, With Increase in Winds.

Hard to Get Laborers Enough to Clear Street Crossings.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC REGULAR

River Navigation Much Hampered. Appearance of Open Summer Cars Causes Much Comment.

By tomorrow morning the city will be deeper than ever under the snow which arrived last night from the Ohio valley, and if the strong north and northwest winds are true to the promise of Forecaster Boyer there will be deep drifts in open spaces where old Boreas plays havoc with ears and faces and piles the blanket of white flakes high over fence rails and front steps. A small sized blizzard is Washington's lot for today, but in that respect the city is no worse off than every other city in the east. Snow is falling today over almost half the continent, and even the panhandle of Texas is shivering with unusual cold, the temperature there being twenty or thereabouts. Washington will have a little snow with 10 degrees, its swirling snowstorm and sleet, helped along by a gale from the Arctic circle.

Hard to Get Crossings Cleaned.

Despite the stories of lack of work coming from the missions and bread line centers, Supt. Paxton of the street cleaning department said he had difficulty this morning in getting enough day laborers to go out with snow plows and street crossing gangs. He was 600 men who are not afraid of a snow shovel, but all he could get together this morning was a little army of 400. Twenty of these men who went out in charge of the snow excavating were empowered to hire men on the spot when needed. The street cleaning department wagons are hauling snow away from street intersections in the city, but the old Pennsylvania railroad station, and in several places near the Union station and in sewers. Mr. Paxton said that the snow was being dumped on the street, and the old Pennsylvania railroad station, and in several places near the Union station and in sewers. Mr. Paxton said that the snow was being dumped on the street, and the old Pennsylvania railroad station, and in several places near the Union station and in sewers.

Little Delay to Railway Traffic.

The storm had not interfered with railroad traffic to any serious extent today. Inquiry at the Union station developed the fact that southern trains are arriving from fifteen minutes to an hour late, but that all other trains are keeping well to their schedules.

Crews Waiting for a Thaw.

Ice and snow have covered the wharves and have made fair ships of glass of even the most prosaic old bugeyes in the harbor. While the crews are waiting for the first sign of a thaw, the red-hot stoves in the river-front offices are heating a lot of cold weather yarn.

Wrote History of Steel.

J. Howard Bridge of New York, who wrote a book on the inside history of the Carnegie Steel Company several years ago, was called to the witness stand before Mr. Carnegie was recalled. Mr. Bridge was asked to return to New York. He testified that he had been given by the company officials access to the original documents, copies of which he had printed, but had not had access to the books of the company.

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"Did not the tremendous increase in business after 1897 account for the great increase in profit?" "Why, of course, one goes with the other. The production is the basis of the whole increase."

Open Cars Running.

The city was treated to the rare sight of open summer cars on the Washington Railway and Electric Company's line yesterday afternoon. Although the cars are sometimes taken off in snowy weather, the open car was in evidence yesterday afternoon. A regular passenger, who traveled the line for years, described the summer car of yesterday in this fashion: "It was snowing hard. The wind was blowing sharp bullets of sleet against my face, and I had on thin gloves. I was carrying large bundles under each arm, standing on a street corner waiting for a Georgetown car. When I sighted one through the storm my heart was glad indeed, but I thought that the day this country can make steel as cheap."

Doesn't Need Protection.

Reverting to the present conditions, Mr. Carnegie said, "I honestly think that this day this country can make steel as cheap."

HOLD TAFT WRONG ON TRUST QUESTION

Andrew Carnegie Indorses Views of Former President Roosevelt.

SHERMAN ACT TOO MILD TO CURE PRESENT ILLS

Would Try Strict Control and Regulation of Prices.

OPPOSED TO DISSOLUTION

Need Big Corporations, He Says, But They Must Be Regulated—No Need of Protection for Steel Industry.

Hill Ores Bad Bargain.

When the United States Steel Corporation gave notice of the cancellation in 1915 of the Great Northern ore properties it was widely proclaimed that the step had been taken in an effort to square itself with the federal anti-trust laws.

On the witness stand today before the Stanley steel investigating committee Andrew Carnegie said: "I know it has cost the steel corporation millions in trying to develop these ores."

"It is my opinion that the United States Steel Corporation is giving up these ores for no other reason than that they have come to the conclusion it is an unprofitable investment."

"I am familiar with the views of ex-President Roosevelt on the trust question and I am inclined to agree with him," said Andrew Carnegie before the steel trust investigating committee today. Representative Gardner of Massachusetts had contrasted those views with ideas expressed by President Taft in his recent message on the trust question.

"In the solution of the industrial problem," said Representative Gardner, "there are two leading thoughts before us. President Taft in his recent message expressed the view that dissolution of large units should go on. The other line of thought, as expressed by President Sherman law is that under the existing Sherman law we should look to recognition of large units controlled by the government. In which class are you, Mr. Carnegie?"

Sherman Law Too Mild.

"I have agreed with Mr. Roosevelt's views. I think for the present that you should allow large organizations to continue and to see how we get along and then you should pass laws regarding these organizations. The law you are patient and see what further legislation may be necessary. I do not think the Sherman law is drastic enough. Give us a central trust law and I believe we will see clearly."

"Do you believe dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation would lessen the price of steel?" "I do not believe it would. It depends, of course, upon what the court might do."

"Suppose Congress does not take the step that you are suggesting, would you believe that Congress will see the necessity for more government control?" "Well, but whether Congress will strengthen the Sherman law to make the dissolution more easy or go in the direction you recommend is an issue before Congress," said Mr. Gardner.

"I have the government watch these organizations closely and fix maximum prices and see how it works," replied Mr. Carnegie.

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